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KEY EC MEMBER STATES

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1. CONTACTS WITH GOF AND ASSOCIATION FRANCAISE DE
NORMALISATION (AFNOR) OFFICIALS CONFIRM THAT, GIVEN
HIGHLY CENTRALIZED NATURE OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT ADMINIS-
TRATION, THERE IS NO REPEAT NO QUESTION THAT ALL
"LOCAL" GOVERNMENTS IN FRANCE WOULD BE FULLY OBLIGATED
TO COMPLY WITH ANY SET OF GATT STANDARDS TO WHICH THE
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTED ITSELF.

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2. REGARDING PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS, AFNOR SAYS
THESE TOO ARE ULTIMATELY BOUND BY THOSE STANDARDS
WHICH AFNOR DEFINES AND ADMINISTERS FOR THE CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT. OUR SOURCES SAY THIS IS SO FIRSTLY, BE-
CAUSE ANY SALES OF NON-STANDARD ITEMS TO GOF AGENCIES
UNDER OFFICIAL CONTRACTS WILL SUBJECT SELLING FIRM TO

DIRECT PENALTIES, SUCH AS EXCLUSION FROM BIDDING ON
FUTURE GOVERNMENT TENDERS--AND MOST FIRMS WANT TO BE
ELIGIBLE FOR THIS MARKET. SECONDLY, EVEN THOSE FIRMS
WHICH DO NOT BID FOR GOF BUSINESS FIND THAT FRENCH
COURTS TAKE A NEGATIVE VIEW OF NON-STANDARD PRODUCTS
INVOLVED IN CIVIL LITIGATION. SOURCES ADMIT THAT THERE
ARE NO RPT NO DIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES APPLIC-
ABLE TO FIRMS NOT ADHERING TO ESTABLISHED STANDARDS,
WHICH ALSO DO NOT SELL TO THE GOF. THUS, THE AVOIDANCE
OF CIVIL SUITS BY FIRMS IN THIS LATTER CATEGORY WOULD
APPEAR TO CONSTITUTE THE SOLE INSTANCE WHEN THE GOF
MIGHT NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER A FIRST LEVEL
OBLIGATION SUCH AS THAT DESCRIBED IN REFTEL.
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